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Hon. Marlene Dortch
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: MM Docket No. 02-37 (Amendment of §1.17 -- Truthful
Statements to the Commission)

Pursuant to 47 CFR 51.1206, this will disclose that in connection with this permit-but-disclose proceeding, on behalf of MMTC I held a meeting February 28, 2003 at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Copps and his Legal Advisor, Alexis Johns.

At the meeting, I provided our Comments in this proceeding (filed 4/7/02) and pp. 267-271 of the Comments of EEO Supporters, Vol. 11, MM Docket No. 98-204 (filed 3/19/99), which each address the need for protection for whistleblowers. I stated that the fear of retaliation deters many persons from providing evidence of wrongdoing. Thus, for all matters, the Commission should adopt anti-retaliation protections similar to those which have long been in effect at the EEOC. Further, an Enforcement Bureau employee might be detailed to receive evidence in confidence and to arrange for the protection of witnesses to the extent possible in light of the right of confrontation.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary.

Sincerely,

/s/

David Honig
Executive Director

cc: Hon. Michael Copps
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